

Subject: Superintendent's Monthly Report to the Board – January 21, 2016

The following matters and events have occurred since the Report of December 17, 2015

### **COMMUNITY BROADCAST RADIO STATION**

I met with Ann Simonton from Media Watch along with Mark Hodges and Jim Howes from ROP concerning ROP's interest in having their own community broadcast radio station. This FCC licensed station has the low power FM station frequency (101.9 FM) and only has a large listening radius in the San Lorenzo Valley area. Approximately 30 thousand people live in the valley and the station could be flagship for the county creating many talented speakers, poets, journalists, singers, musicians, etc. and could be made available to all students countywide who completed mandatory training. With basic equipment, they could also broadcast online reaching the whole county and beyond. Media Watch had the goal of creating a youth-led station that could bring South County voices to North County. This dream failed due to the fact that a Carmel station was so powerful it drowned out the signal so that it could not be heard in even a small radius. Media Watch purchased the equipment to start the station and our non-profit would request over time, that equipment costs be reimbursed if at all possible. This station could provide untold job skills for our youth in the county.

### **S4C STEERING COMMITTEE**

I attended the S4C Steering Committee meeting at Cabrillo College on January 11, 2016. During the meeting we discussed: Student Achievement Goals, Budget revisions, a retreat on February 16, 2016 with the Operations Committee, the S4C Website, the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade University Visit, a community forum on Success in Mathematics, and the S4C Gates Grant.

### **CAPITOL ADVISORS BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Capitol Advisors held a Budget Workshop here at the COE on January 11, 2016. The purpose of the workshop was to review Governor Brown's State Budget proposal for 2016-17. Major education funding proposals include a \$2.8 billion for LCFF implementation, \$1.2 billion in one-time Prop 98 funds (offsetting local state mandate claims) and Identification of a .47% COLA for LCFF and some programs. Among other things, Governor Brown proposes to consolidate existing early education programs into a new Early Education Block Grant. His budget document also references his concerns about the existing school facilities program and his continued dialogue with the Legislature to raise the program, with a direct reference to the \$9 billion bond currently qualified for the November ballot.

### **EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS**

We recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency (Dr. Lisa Hernandez) to prescribe epinephrine auto-injectors to credentialed school nurses and other trained personnel in each of our local school districts. The auto injectors will be used to provide emergency medical aid to persons/students suffering from an anaphylactic reaction.

### **EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA) VIDEOCONFERENCE**

I attended a videoconference on January 12, 2016 concerning the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the implications for California. After more than a decade of "No Child Left Behind," the reauthorization of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act promises to significantly alter the federal government's role and direction in education policy. States will play a central role under the new law in ensuring educational equity and ensuring that schools are supported to respond to the needs of underserved, underrepresented and/or high-needs students.

### **CALIFORNIA AFRICAN AMERICAN SUPERINTENDENTS CONVENING**

I attended the California African American Superintendents Convening in Oakland on January 13, 2016, sponsored by the Broad Foundation. The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation has invested more than \$600 million to significantly improve student achievement in urban areas through strong leadership to support great teachers, school district efficiency to push more resources to the classroom, and more options for parents seeking high-quality public education for their children. Their focus is on improving urban school districts because they serve one of every four American children. These districts represent the greatest opportunity to dramatically improve student achievement.

### **SUPERINTENDENTS COUNCIL MEETING**

The Superintendents Council Meeting was held at the COE on January 14, 2016. Topics during the meeting included: Emergency Preparedness Procedures, Countywide Agreement on Immunizations, S4C/Gates Grant, Summer Matters, Teacher Housing, New Legislation Impacting Education, School Bonds, Office of Civil Rights/Title IX, LCAP and a presentation from Margaret Watson from the Khan Academy concerning Learnstorm.

### **SAFE SCHOOLS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

I met with Bryan Wall, Mary Anne James and Jim Howes on January 15, 2016 to discuss the safety procedures in our schools and our Emergency Preparedness Program. Jo Ann Allen had this responsibility; however, now that she has retired, we are developing a transition plan.

### **INSIDE EDUCATION – CHARTING A DIFFERENT COURSE**

I gave a presentation on Charter Schools to the Inside Education class on January 20, 2016 before their visit to Ceiba College Preparatory Academy and Delta Charter High School. The class also heard from special guest speaker Lysa Tabachnick, Principal, Alternative Family Education, Santa Cruz City School District.

### **ADULT EDUCATION BLOCK GRANT (AEBG) CONSORTIA MEETING**

I attended a quick meeting of the Adult Education Block Grant (AEBG) Consortia on January 20, 2016 to approve the 25% administrative support of the AEBG Grant.

## **CALIFORNIA COALITION FOR HEALTH CHOICE**

I met with Darla Beuerman and Lisa Galleguillos from the California Coalition for Health Choice on January 20, 2016 to discuss their concerns on the implementation of SB 277 (Vaccination Law). Their concerns center around the independent studies performed, classroom-based instructions, medical exemptions and possible violations of the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment. It was their understanding that other Boards throughout the state have passed resolutions to support extending the implementation of the Bill until July 1, 2018 in order to work through these issues. I will be contacting other superintendents throughout the state to find out how widespread these resolutions by Boards are being passed and would also like to discuss this issue with the Agenda Committee in order for this issue to be discussed during the February 2016 Board meeting.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATING AGENCY (SECA) MEETING**

I attended the Special Education Coordinating Agency (SECA) Meeting on January 21, 2016. During the meeting North Santa Cruz County SELPA 2015 Financial Audit was approved, we received an update from the Mental Health Task Force, received information regarding the monitoring of Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) Part B funds and reviewed the Program Transfer Policy, Chapter 15.

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE COALITION (CJC) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

I attended the quarterly Criminal Justice Coalition (CJC) Executive Committee Meeting on January 21, 2016 where we discussed North County and South County BASTA items, received updates on grant opportunities, heard a report from Chief Escalante on legislative updates, and listened to a presentation on Parent Involvement through the PAPAS Program.

### **Regular Monthly Meetings**

**Special Education Coordinating Agency Meeting**  
**Migrant Head Start Videoconference**  
**Criminal Justice Council**  
**CCSESA Executive Board**  
**CCSESA Agenda Committee**  
**Manager's Meeting**

**Agriculture Board Meeting**  
**Children's Network**  
**S4C Steering Committee**  
**CCSESA Board of Directors**  
**CCSESA Accountability Task Force**